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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims  
in the subject Patent Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A manicuring appliance having a  
cutting implement comprising:

an elongated member having first and second ends;

a proximal member releasably coupled to said first end of said  
elongated member;

said proximal member having a first end including said cutting  
implement[[],];

said cutting implement having a flat metal sheet portion and a  
bulbous folded region extending therefrom, a curved front end portion projecting  
from said folded region; portion at one end and a guard member  
at a second opposing end thereof and a pair of cutting edges therebetween; and,

said folded region defining a first cutting edge;

said curved front end defining a second cutting edge transversely  
oriented in relation to said first cutting edge; and

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a distal member coupled to said second end of said elongated member.

Claims 20-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 19, where said elongated member includes a hollow cavity at said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 29, where said elongated member further includes a pair of apertures formed on each of said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 30, where said proximal member includes a pair of probes protruding from a second end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting therefrom, wherein, said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said first end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said first end of said elongated member when said proximal member is coupled to said elongated member.

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Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 30, where said distal member includes a pair of probes protruding from an end thereof, each said probe respectively having a receiving tab projecting therefrom, wherein said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said second end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said second end of said elongated member when said distal member is coupled to said elongated member.